

This 'n' That

Date	Service (11 a.m.)	Forum (9:45 – 10:30a.m.)
March 22	“Commit2Respond” Service Leaders: Social Action Committee and Green Team Members	“Michigan Tax Tribunal and UUs” Presented by Dennis Liimata, Marquette Township Supervisor. Host: Heidi Gould.

7 Principles of Unitarian
Universalism

Affirm & Promote:

The inherent worth and
dignity of every person;

Justice, equity and
compassion in human
relations;

Acceptance of one
another and
encouragement to
spiritual growth in our
congregations;

A free and responsible
search for truth and
meaning;

The right of conscience
and the use of the
democratic process
within our congregations
and in society at large;

The goal of world
community with peace,
liberty, and justice for all;

Respect for the
interdependent web of all
existence of which we are
a part.

Check us out on the web

@

mqtuu.org

or



Coming Up @ The Meeting House...



*United By Light & MqtUU CUUPS invites you
to come and celebrate!*

Ostara, the Spring Equinox

Friday, March 20 @ 6pm

*Please bring a small building/event donation,
and a dish to share.*

Coffee and tea will be provided.

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The Mission Statement Committee has drafted the following for the Congregation's consideration. What follows is a draft Mission Statement. A Mission Statement is defined as " a written declaration of an organization's core purpose and focus that normally remains unchanged over time. Properly crafted mission statements (1) serve as filters to separate what is important from what is not, (2) clearly state which markets will be served and how, and (3) communicate a sense of intended direction to the entire organization."

Ideally a mission statement is something a congregation can insert into its order of service, say in unison at services, and use to define our organization to outsiders.

Here is what the Committee's draft MIssion Statement:


We, the Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation, are Bound Together By a Core Belief in the Power of Love; and are Committed to Building Beloved Community.

We Care for, Nurture and Support the Spiritual Growth of One Another; We Share Reverence for our Natural Environment and are Dedicated to the Respectful Stewardship of the Earth; and

We Work Together to Bend the Moral Arc of the Universe toward Justice.

The Committee invites everyone in the congregation to offer feedback, reactions, suggestions, proposed edits, etc. on this proposal. Comments may be submitted via email to g.g. gordon, plumskiter@gmail.com, or to g.g. or Nancy Sullivan in person. We will also have an upcoming Adult Forum dedicated to a discussion of the proposal. Any and all input is invited and welcome.

Please let us know what you think about this!

<p style="text-align: center;">FROM:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stewardship Committee Chair, Mike White</p> <p style="text-align: center;">And our treasurer, Gg gordon</p>	<p>On March 29, Ian Evison of our MidAmerica District office is coming to preach to us on the "Sprituality of Giving." Guitar music during the service will be provided by Dave Stensaas and Tom McKenzie. After the service, we are having a luncheon for all members and friends of our congregation. We will be having food catered from the Border Grill. There will be music and we will also be giving a special thanks to members who donate their time and talent to our congregation by serving committees. We are also collecting rolls of toilet paper and paper towels to donate to the Harbor House. Please bring a package for the cause.</p> <p>If you have a husky teenager, then please bring him or her to the service. We will need help setting up tables for the luncheon after the service.</p> <p>Thank You.</p> <p>"A Big Thank You goes out to all who have already submitted their pledges, by mail or directly to g.g. gordon, our Treasurer."</p> <p>If you have yet to submit completed pledge forms, please do so either by mailing, giving to gg gordon or Mike White, or putting in the treasurer's folders at the meetinghouse</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">March 2015 "Share the Plate"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MI Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network (MUUSJN)</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p><i>Mission: To foster the worth and dignity of people by promoting social justice and community service.</i></p> <p>www.uujustice.org</p> </div> </div>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tender Loving Care...</p>	<p>We all need it once in a while. If you or a fellow MqtUU member is in need of TLC, chicken soup, a ride to Sunday Service or an appointment, or other caring needs...PLEASE REACH OUT whether in person, phone call or email! The TLC Team has a new email just for this use! mqtuucare@gmail.com</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MqtUU Hosts the Last Week of the Season for RATI</p>	<p>The Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation will host Room at the Inn (RATI) during the week of May 24th-May31st. Room at the Inn is rotating homeless shelter that operates October through May and we are hosting the final week of the 2015 season. We hosted RATI for the first time in January and it was incredibly successful. We, again, need all hands on deck to support this monumental and worthwhile project.</p> <p>There is a volunteer opportunity for everyone from cooking and serving a meal, assisting with set up or break down, doing loads of laundry, covering a shift (MUST attend a training--see below), providing cleaning supplies and more.</p> <p>Sign up will be available on Sundays with the goal of having all slots filled by Sunday, April 12th. You may also contact Sarah Johnson, 458-3915 or iamsarahjeanjohnson@gmail.com OR Michelle Halley, 361-0520 or michelle.halley@sbcglobal.net</p>

**Fleece Tie Blanket Project
for Camp New Day**

**Mark your calendars:
Saturday, May 9 from 1-4 pm**

We will again be making blankets for the campers at Camp New Day. This will be an intergenerational activity with



children, teens and adults working together on making these blankets. So please save the date and time! More info to come.

Any questions? Give Nancy Sullivan a call.

Committees & Contacts

An opportunity to give of your time and talents!

- Adult Enrichment ~ gg gordon
- Green Team ~ Sarah Redmond
- Religious Exploration ~ Jill Mielcarek
- Sunday Services ~ Tom Sullivan
- Communication Team ~ Sarah Redmond
- Community Development ~ Tim VanderVeen
- Facility ~ Shaun Devlin
- Music ~ Jean Trost
- Social Action ~ Megan Foulks

*Meet your MqtUU
Representatives*

- Sarah Redmond, President
- Chris Wagner, Vice President
- Teri Rockwood, Secretary
- Mary Maki, Trustee
- Tim VanderVeen, Trustee
- gg gordon, Treasurer
- Heidi Gould, Administrative Assistant
- Lisa McKenzie, Religious Exploration Coordinator

**The New Era of Unitarian
Universalism
2015 Regional Assembly**



Regional Assembly will be held **APRIL 17 -19** at the Marriott Hotel in Naperville, Illinois (near Chicago). **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS: The Reverend Rosemary Bray McNatt** is the new president at Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, and **The Reverend Dr. Marlin Lavanhar** is Senior Minister at All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa. Regional Assembly workshop tracks will include: Stewardship, Multicultural/Inclusion, Social Justice, Deepening UU, Worship, and New Era. We'll have two sessions for workshops on Saturday afternoon. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

The MidAmerica Region is building a new era in Unitarian Universalism, where UUs visibly live our faith, create connections, grow our membership, and welcome all persons who share our UU values.



Hey, if you know someone who is not coming to the Meeting House cuz they need a ride, please call the Meeting House at (906) 249-9450 and we will help! If you regularly attend MqtUU and are willing and available to give a ride to a neighbor please call and we will add you to the rideshare list.

THANK YOU!

Marqtran Door-to-Door Service is available to schedule rides from anywhere in Marquette to our Meeting House!

Please call 225-1112 or Check out marqtran.com

“It ain’t easy being green...”

But we do try to make it easier for you.

If you have any of the following items that are used up or which you no longer need or want, please bring them to the meetinghouse and place them into the PlanetGreen recycling bins in the entryway. We send these items off for recycling and receive money in return. So, help out the planet and the congregation by letting us recycle these items for you:

Inkjet Cartridges	Cell Phones/Pagers & Accessories
GPS & Radar Detectors	Mobile Hot Spots
Calculators	eBook Readers
iPods/MP3 Players	Digital/Video Cameras
PDAs iPads/Tablets	Video Game Consoles & Handhelds
Video Games & Accessories	

MqtUU also collects Tadych’s Econo slips to help funds for our congregation as well. Please collect your receipts and drop them in the box marked “Econo slips” in the entry way of the meeting house.

THANK YOU!!

Sermon Contest

Covenant of the Unitarian Universalist Pagans Announces its *Second Sermon Contest* – theme: **Re-enchantment Winner to receive \$500**

You do NOT need to be an ordained minister or a seminary student, nor do you need to be a member of CUUPS, but you do have to have delivered your sermon, live and in person, to a UU congregation between October 31, 2014 and October 31, 2015. The sermon must be made available in audio, preferably digital (.mp3), or it can be recorded phone call if necessary. Submissions: info@cuups.org

Our panel of judges will listen to them and pick their top four finalists by the end of 2015. These four top sermons will be broadcast between January and April of 2016, then CUUPS membership will vote for the winner, online, in May. The winner will be announced at General Assembly 2016 and will be invited to deliver the sermon at the CUUPS annual meeting.

The sermon-writer retains ownership of copyright. We request a digital copy of the Order of Service in which the sermon was presented. CUUPS has the right to broadcast all submitted sermons on our podcast and make sound file and Order of Service available to our judges and to our membership. Sermons with adequate sound quality that are consistent with CUUPS mission are played on the CUUPS podcast at our discretion.

(Thanks to reader Rebecca Crystal, candidate for Unitarian Universalist ministry, for this announcement.)

Happening Elsewhere in the Mqt Community...

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Peter White Public Library will be closed on Sundays beginning March 1st! Why, you ask? Due to required budget cuts as a result of Duke Lifepoint tax refund granted by the MI Tax Tribunal.

PWPL Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday, March 17 @ 5pm Marquette City Manager, Bill Vajda and City Finance Director, Gary Simpson will be presenting the Mqt City CFO Forecast and associated budget process for managing revenue volatility. All board meetings are open to the public. You are invited to join as the public guests, take good notes on the presentation and ask questions during the public comment period. Thank you! ☺

Dennis Liimata, Marquette Township Supervisor is presenting for the MqtUU Adult Forum on **Sunday, March 22 @ 9:45am** to answer all your questions and help plan a Community Call to Action! Please join us for this important forum!

For more information, a Facebook group was created, Save MQT, Save MI! Please check it out, get informed and get involved!

Almost one year ago, I looked into the eyes of Glenna, the woman I have loved for 27 years and said those two magical words that would forever seal our union as one.

It was a long time coming. But on that day, Glenna and I unintentionally made history when we became the first same-sex couple to legally marry in the state of Michigan.

Just the day before, Judge Friedman struck down Michigan's marriage ban. That ruling was stayed, then appealed to the 6th Circuit which reversed the decision, and is now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

But for just a brief moment in time, marriage was the law of the land in Michigan and Glenna and I, along with more than 300 same-sex couples were free to marry.

Now, as we celebrate our one-year anniversary of marriage, will you join us for an anniversary celebration in a city near you?



LANSING (2-5PM) ♥ MUSKEGON (12:30-3:30PM) ♥ FERNDALE (2-5PM) ♥ ANN ARBOR (2-5PM)

I never thought that I would have the freedom to marry the woman I love in my lifetime. But since that fateful day when marriage was briefly legal in our state, I have been overwhelmed with the outpour of support Glenna and I have received from our friends, family, colleagues and neighbors. It has warmed my heart.

While our union was not immediately recognized in Michigan, we have since won a court case—thanks in large part to the ACLU of Michigan—which

now requires our home state to respect our union. And at long last, my wife and I are no longer denied the rights and protections that only marriage can provide.

But this joy remains bittersweet. **Because even though our union is now respected, I cannot help but feel sorrow for the thousands of Michiganders who are still denied this most fundamental right.**

I know in my heart of hearts that all Michiganders should have the freedom to marry their one true love. That's why Glenna and I will continue to fight until all Michiganders have this right. Will you join us, too?

From my family to yours,

Marsha Caspar
Lead Plaintiff in Caspar v. Snyder
Lansing, Michigan

